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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated November 4, 2002. Please amend the above identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.121, please replace claims 1 and 7 with the following rewritten version of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made".

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1. (Amended) An optical symbol reading device comprising:
- a) an image data input section including:
- 1) a front surface symbol reading device and back surface symbol reading device,
 - 2) an image data input unit for receiving a bar code label, characters, symbols, or image data on an article that is moved by a conveyor, and
 - 3) an image data input focus point modifier;
- b) an article detector for detecting that said article has entered a read zone;
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